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LT. GEN. ROBERT W. WAGNER

Commanding General

Assumed command on December 6, 2005

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command December 6, 2005. Prior to commanding USASOC, Wagner served as the deputy commander, then acting commander, of the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

Wagner graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1970. He holds a masters degree in Industrial Relations from Purdue University. He attended the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Throughout his career, Wagner has served in Airborne Infantry, Ranger, Special Operations, and Joint assignments including 10-years of overseas duty. His joint tours include two assignments on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., two joint Special Operations tours and USJFCOM. He served as the commanding general, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy and as the commanding general of Special Operations Command South in Panama. He has had six Special Operations assignments including the 1st and 2nd Ranger Battalions, the 75th Ranger Regiment's S3, USSOCOM current operations offices and executive officer to commander USSOCOM, and commander SOCSOUTH. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry (Airborne) in Panama; the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry; and the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama, SOCSOUTH in Panama and SETAF in Italy. He also served in the 1st Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, as an aide at Fort Leavenworth, and as a Tactical Officer at West Point.



Wagner is a veteran of combat operations in Vietnam with the 101st and MACV, and in Panama with 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

His military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, Vietnam service medals, and the Army Commendation Medal.

His military awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with combat star, and the Army Ranger Tab.

Bob Wagner of Independence, Ohio, and the former PJ Van Scoy of Fort Dodge, Iowa, were married in 1972.